

MOST HOLY TRINITY

Readings This Weekend:

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40 Romans 8:14-17 Matthew 28:16-20

Readings Next Weekend:

Exodus 24:3-8 Hebrews 9:11-15 Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



When Saint Augustine was asked about the Trinity he responded: "If you ask me, I do not know. If you don't ask me I know." In other words, some things cannot be put into words. An old desert father put it this way: "Those who know do not say. Those who say do not know." His students were puzzled and asked him to explain. He then asked them, "Do you know the smell of a rose?" Everyone raised his hand. He then said, "Put it into words!" And they all remained silent. Again, some things cannot be reduced to words. The mystery of the Trinity that we celebrate today is like that. The less we say the better. And yet we must speak at least a little. God is one and yet God refers to himself in the plural (e.g. Let us make man in our image and after our own likeness. – Genesis 1:26). When God appeared to Abraham, behold three men stood before him (Gn 18:1). Jesus speaks of his Father and Himself as being one and promises that they would send their Holy Spirit. Mysteriously, God is Three and God is One. Careful, don't say too much, just listen and reverence the mystery.



- Sunday, May 31** *Most Holy Trinity*
 4:30pm (Sat) For the Intentions of Ashby Smart
 8:00am James Powell †
 11:00am Leola E. Greenfield †
 7:00pm Lilia Jacob †
- Monday, June 1** *Saint Justin, Martyr*
 7:00am For the People
- Tuesday, June 2** *Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs*
 7:00am For the Intentions of Aaron Brown
- Wednesday, June 3** *St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs*
 7:00am Vermelle Hill Howard †
- Thursday, June 4**
 7:00am For the Intentions of Mark & Candis Stretcher
- Friday, June 5** *Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*
 7:00am For the Intentions of the Lowry Family
- Saturday, June 6** *Saint Norbert, Bishop*
 8:00am Mary McPherson (birthday)
 4:30pm Mary McPherson (birthday)

MASS INTENTIONS—It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for others, both living and deceased. To offer a Mass for a friend or family, call 202-546-1885. Note that dates fill in quickly. The customary donation is \$5 per intention.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Monday:** Tobit 1:3, 2:1-8 Mark 12:1-12
Tuesday: Tobit 2:9-14 Mark 12:13-17
Wednesday: Tobit 3:1-11, 16-17 Mark 12:18-27
Thursday: Tobit 6:10-11, 7:1, 9-17; 8:4-9 Mark 12:28-34
Friday: Tobit 11:5-17 Mark 12:35-37
Saturday: Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20 Mark 12:38-44

Music Schedule

- Processional**
 Holy, Holy, Holy LMGM #335
- Responsorial Psalm**
 "Blessed are the people the Lord has chosen to be His own."
- Gospel Acclamation**
 "Alleluia!"
- Offertory**
 * "Come Now Almighty King" LMGM #334
 ** "Come Now Almighty King" arr. T. Wright
- Communion**
 "Bless the Lord" LMGM #451
- * 8:00am Ruby Robertson, Cantor—Gwen Myles, Music Associate
 ** 11:00am Church Choir

Mass Attendance for May 24, 2015

4:30pm	57
8:00am	112
11:00am	265
7:00pm	34
Total:	498

Stewardship Report 2014—2015

Weekly Budget Amount Needed	\$16,346
Actual Tithes Collected (5/24)	\$16,107
Actual Deficit (-)	-\$239

CARDINAL'S APPEAL - We are significantly behind in pledges this year for the Cardinal's Appeal. As of last week we are at only 63% of our goal. 112 donors have pledged \$14,082. A snowy February really set us back. Please consider making a pledge today toward our goal of \$34,475. A pledge envelope can be obtained from an usher or at the tables in the back.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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| Sunday (5/31)
7:00pm Mass
8:00pm AA | Wednesday (6/3)
11:00am Friendly Seniors
6:30pm Liturgical Dance
7:00pm Bible Study |
| Monday (6/1)
8:00pm YAM Bible Study | Friday (6/5)
6:00pm First Friday Holy Hour
8:00pm NA |
| Tuesday (6/2)
6:30pm Youth Ensemble
7:00pm Adult Choir | Saturday (6/6)
4:30pm Mass |



CHECK OUT OUR PARISH CALENDAR on our website at www.hcscchurch.org. Events and activities for the year are posted here daily.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Roman Catholic Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, exists to evangelize and to uphold Christian values by promoting the teachings of the Church in Word, Sacrament and Witness.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

A welcoming, embracing and joyful faith family richly rooted in the community today, tomorrow and forever.

PARISH LIFE

DELIVERENCE. FREEDOM. BELONGING—Do you repeatedly struggle with the same sin areas? Do you feel hopeless that you'll never be free? Do you want to tap into the healing power of the Gospel? Plan to attend the **UNBOUND: Freedom in Christ Conference, June 12—13**, at Mother of God, 20501 Goshen Rd., Gaithersburg, MD. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington. Register at: www.motherofgod.org. Registration questions? Call 301-990-2081. Conference questions? **Contact HCSC Deacon Kevin Butler: UnboundADW@aol.com.**



HONORING HCSC GRADUATES—If you are a registered member of HCSC and graduating in June 2015 from middle/high school, college, or graduate school you will be honored at the **11am Mass on June 14th**. See flyer in rear of church, or on the HCSC website, or contact the rectory (202-546-1885).

MISSION IN MOTION MEN—Patriarch's Bible Study, Sat., June 6th, 10am—12noon at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2210 Calloway St., Hillcrest Heights, MD. Questions? Contact: Deacon Timothy Tilghman on 240-460-6781 or tilghman13@gmail.com. All men are invited.

HCSC FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST hosted by the Holy Name Society, **Sun., June 21st, 9—11am**, at the school. **Tickets: \$7** available from any Holy Name member or the rectory office. Questions? Contact Renard Blanchard (240-838-4753).

CELEBRATE FATHERS—Pope Francis said, "Every family needs a father." This Father's Day, Sun., June 21st, the archdiocesan Office of Family Life encourages you to give thanks for your own father. Learn about and share the importance of the role of fathers by visiting the Archdiocese of Washington webpage: www.adw.org/fatherhood, where you will find a link to Cardinal Wuerl's blog about fathers, Pope Francis' teaching about fathers, links to resources, and videos about the significance of fathers.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP REUNION—The OLPH school and affiliates celebrate **95 Years** with a reunion on weekend of **June 5-7**. Activities include Happy Hour, Day Party, and Sunday Brunch. For tickets and information contact Kathy Yeldell (202-374-2454), Kip Coleman (301-346-1369) or OLPH rectory (202-678-4999).

SAVE THE DATE—Vacation Bible School begins **Wed, July 29th**. Stay tuned for more details.

2015 HCSC PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN and FRANCE—HCSC is hosting a 10-day pilgrimage in October 2015. Interested? **Pick up a brochure** in the rectory, or the rear of the church. Questions? Contact Deborah Vanzego on 202-277-1823 or at DVanzego@cmht.com.

PAPAL VISIT—The Holy See Press Office has confirmed the Holy Father will celebrate an outdoor Mass on **September 23rd** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Plans for the Mass are still pending, but the congregation will assemble in the area surrounding the Basilica. We encourage you to visit the ADW webpage regularly (adw.org/papalvisit) for updates.

Youth Ministry News

Nicki Gebrehiwot, Director of Youth Ministry
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END-OF-THE-YEAR CELEBRATION for all our youth is **May 31st** after the 11am Mass down at the school. We invite our youth to fellowship with food and friends.

LEADERS INSPIRED TO EVANGELIZE (LITE)—Attention all youth entering grades 10 through 12! The Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring **Leaders Inspired To Evangelize (LITE)**, a five-day / four-night program (**June 28—July 2**) focusing on evangelization and leadership development of Catholic youth. **Spaces are limited.** Questions? Contact Nicki Gebrehiwot.

HCSC Young Adult Ministry

Paula Lancaster/Felicia Miller ♦ YAM@hscchurch.org

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY—meets every Monday evening at 8pm in the rectory.

We'd like to hear from our young adults (age 18 to 40^{ish}!) Tell us what activities interest you. Check out the HCSC Young Adults Ministry on **Facebook** and tell us your thoughts, or send an email: yam@hscchurch.org. **Do you Tweet?** Follow us on Twitter for updates at [HCSCYoungAdults!](https://twitter.com/HCSCYoungAdults)

SUCCESSFUL WORKSHOP—The Women's Ministry and the Holy Name Society would like to thank everyone who participated in our **"Exit Plan" Workshop**. It was very successful and well received by all.

DISCOUNT NATS GAMES! Washington Nationals fans can see the NATS play live and save dollars, while helping those in need. Go to www.nationals.com/singlegame. Type the code **CC2015**. \$3 of each discounted ticket is donated to Catholic Charities and assist in providing services for the most vulnerable in our community. Go NATS!

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE RELIEF—Catholic Relief Services (CRS) teams are distributing emergency relief supplies to earthquake survivors in Nepal. CRS is bringing aid to remote mountainous areas heavily affected by the deadly earthquake that struck on April 25. Thousands of people have received emergency shelter kits, including tarps and tools, as well as other critical items like blankets and sanitation items. To learn more about the work of CRS, please visit www.crs.org. Thank you.

Catholic Charities Food Ministry Networking Workshop—at St. Margaret Food Pantry, **Wed., June 24th** from **10am—12noon**. Everyone is invited to come see improvements in the St. Margaret Food Pantry, 408 Addison Rd., Suitland, MD, and share information about successes, best practices, and challenges in your own food ministry. For more information, call (301)731-4703 ext. 307. Please RSVP at laura.yeomans@catholiccharitiesdc.org.

PARISH CONNECTIONS—Visit our Parish-related links and websites and spread the word:

Parish Website: www.hscchurch.org
Fr. Pope's Sermons online: www.frpope.com
Fr. Pope's Blog: <http://blog.adw.org>

